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President's Message

The 2013 Edmonton and Calgary coin shows are history I attended both shows this year. I did not find any new woods this but found some nice merchant's tokens at each show.

I will be working on the membership cards and receipts shortly and will be distributing them in the usual manner. If you have queries re your membership status you can contact me by mail, at Al Munro, Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1, by phone at 403-273-6133 or by email at wood5cents@shaw.ca

I would like to remind you that It is not too soon to start making reservations for the annual R.C.N.A. convention this July in Winnipeg, Manitoba. I encourage you to attend this outstanding show and to plan to attend our annual C.A.W.M.C. breakfast meeting on the Saturday of the convention. We are holding the breakfast cost to $20 to encourage attendance. This event will be a great opportunity to meet fellow collectors and do some friendly trading. If you plan on issuing a "wood" for this convention please order them shortly to give the manufacturers sufficient time to produce your order for you.

Our annual meeting is an opportunity to honour members who have put forth extraordinary effort to support our hobby. If you would like to nominate someone as a potential recipient of an award please advise me at one of the contact points shown above.

Good luck in your collecting activities.

Al Munro

"What a lucky break!
Not only do we FIND the Easter bunny...
BUT we catch him right when he's
making chocolate mini-eggs!"

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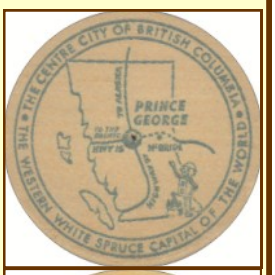

This is SD-049 in Norm's catalogue which reports this Prince George (British Columbia) 86mm round 1968 Order of Eastern Star wood had 1,000 made. The Order of Eastern Star is an international organization (in 27 countries worldwide) with a large arm in Canada (chapters in every province) and a larger arm in the United States. The organization members strive to live their lives by the enduring beliefs of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love, the virtues of the heroines of the Order. These 5 virtues are the represented by the 5 points of the Eastern Star.

- Friendship: the order boasts they are the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both women and men can belong. With Chapters worldwide, members can go anywhere and know that they can find friends and a helpful hand when they are in need.
- Community Service: the order encourages its members not only to help one another, but also to reach out to their communities. Members are active in many community-based projects for those requiring assistance. *Continued page 8...*

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Another Hot Woods Deal!

from CAWMC member **David 'Rusty' Phillips**

I want to offer the Ontario woods again. These are the two opportunities, on a first come first serve basis:

- 9 packages of 45 rounds and 10 flats = 55 per pack @ 65¢ each, i.e. $35.75 plus postage.

and / or

- 1 package of 45 rounds and 6 flats = 51 in the pack @ 65¢ each, i.e. $33.15 plus postage.

I'd like to add the fact that each and every package is different, i.e. no duplication in any of the packages nor is there any duplication from one package to another package. Each and every wood in all the packages is different from one another! Contact me by e-mail at **rustynbetty@telus.net** to take advantage of this deal!

Priebe Orthodontics Woods!

from CAWMC member **David 'Rusty' Phillips**

During the summer of 2009 I was fortunate enough to acquire a wood from Priebe and Dentofacial Orthopedics of Anchorage (Alaska). I didn't know much about the Doctor nor the Company behind the wood. So, when visiting Anchorage again in June of 2012, I sought to find the location and see what I could find out. Well, first off, Priebe Orthodontics had moved. However, with help from folks at the old location I obtained the address for the new location.

Upon arriving at the new location I was greeted by a cheerful and helpful front office staff, who not only gave me a new Priebe Orthodontics "Priebe's Penny" wood, but also clued me in as to the whys and wherefores of the wood, as follows:

- 3,000 of these two woods have been made since 2003 and all are the typical 38mm (or 1-1/2") in diameter, with the printing is in black ink on natural wood colour;
- Primarily they are given as a reward to children and young people at regular scheduled dental appointments (not emergencies), if good hygiene, nothing broken, show up on time, good cooperation (e.g. if asked to wear rubber bands or headgear, do so as instructed), having their teeth cleaned regularly, getting A's and B's on their report cards, or for doing at least 3 hours of community service work (4—20 woods can be awarded per visits; and also, 20 woods can be given to patients who refer a new client); and,
- A specific number of woods need to be collected for specific prizes (the staff noted that "Many times we get down to all woods on the counter being counted and recounted in hopes of having enough for a long awaited prize!").

The staff introduced me to Dr. Derek N. Priebe, DDS, MDS, who was interested in my collecting of Alaska woods, and who was quite happy I had two of his woods for my collection and for my catalogue of Alaskan woods. My thanks to Dr. Priebe and his staff for their interest, their help and their cooperation, all of which was truly appreciated.

Editor's Note: For the size of Anchorage, it's really quite astonishing how many dentists and orthodontists there are. Obviously dental health has a high priority in Alaska. In fact, in many ways they seem more in tuned with the times than those in my own local community in Ontario (Canada). Dr. Phillip N. Priebe, DDS. Originally chose dentistry because he liked his childhood dentist. He has since discovered that helping people get beautiful smiles while giving comfortable and positive dental experience is priceless. He loves his patients and the staff he works with, and would change a thing about his wonderful practice! This rubbed off on his family, as his son Derek also has his own practise, and is the one who introduced the "Priebe Pennies" to the practices.

Dr. Phil Priebe who is Dr. Derek's father

Dr. Phil (pictured here) before becoming a dentist attained his Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology at Washington State University, and earned his DDS from the University of Washington. Although he completed his formal education years ago, he has always kept current with advanced dental methods and technologies, surpassing the requirements for continued education, and his son Dr. Derek has followed suit. Dr. Phil is a professional member of the American Dental Association, the Alaska Dental Association. And the Anchorage Dental Society.

Dr. Phil began practising in 1966, and still loves it! "Dentistry allows me to change my patients' lives, both socially and nutritionally. I can help people chew what they want comfortably, and I love making smiles brighter! Patients often tell me I have helped them smile openly with confidence, and that always makes my day." Dr. Phil was born in Seattle, and spent most of his growing years in the Tri-City area of Eastern Washington. He has lived in Anchorage since 1974, and loves it! His family has a long history in Alaska, from the Gold Rush to summer employment. Dr. Phil's with his wife Mary, has two sons and one daughter. His son Dr. Derek is an orthodontist in his father's practice as well as his own. His son Todd is an aircraft mechanic in Anchorage, and his daughter Tanya lives in Eagle River. In his spare time, Dr. Phil loves flying, fishing, hunting, traveling and skiing. He is an active member of the Petroleum Club (private fine-dining club in Anchorage), and support many charities, enjoys the performing arts and dining out at many nice restaurants.

Dr. Derek Priebe, a native of Anchorage, has been serving south central Alaska communities since 2002. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery (summa cum laude) from the University of the Pacific (San Francisco, California) in 1997. Dr. Dereke subsequently pursued his orthodontic training and graduated from the University of Connecticult Health Center (Farmington) with a Master of Dental Science and a Certificate of Orthodontics in 2000. Dr. Derek is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, a member of the American Dental Association, member of the American Association of Orthodontists, and member of the Alaska Dental Society. He has been inducted into the Dental Honours Societies of Omicron Kappa Upsilon and Tau Kappa Omega, and has co-authored original articles in *The Angle Orthodontist* and *Seminars in Orthodontics*. Dr. Derek and his family reside in Anchorage where they enjoy much that Alaska has to offer. While much can be condensed into a single statement of practice philosophy, Dr. Priebe likes to keep it simple: He is resolutely committed to pursuing the highest standards of orthodontic care while also offering competitive treatment fees. His practice is forward-thinking. The patients have their own log-in area of his website and Facebook too. There are games and contests, and charities. For example Dr. Derek is a large supporter of the ASPCA and has a contest for favourite pets of kids. He also works closely with the Toys for Tots Foundation, as well as other community charities and initiatives. There are planned events every month for his patients and a newsletter.

The woods David described on the previous page are referred to as Priebe Pennies and used for the Priebe Pennies Program. Under the criteria David already described, the patients earn these pennies. For example arriving on time, exhibiting good dental hygiene, and having kept your braces in good order (i.e. no breakage) earns you 4 pennies. Once the patients have collected enough pennies, they can redeem them for prizes of their choice from the group below:

priebe orthodontics, pc

Anchorage Office
10998 O'Malley Centre Drive Suite A
Anchorage, AK 99515
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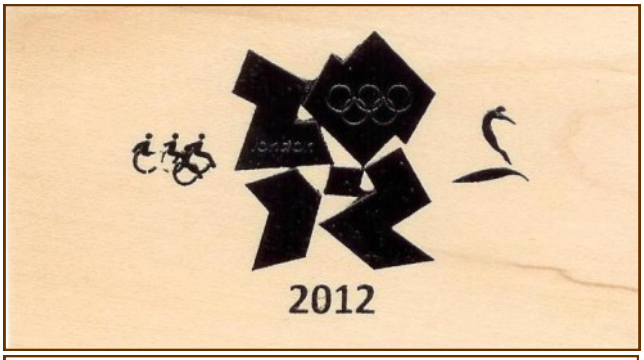
Wooden Easter cupboard

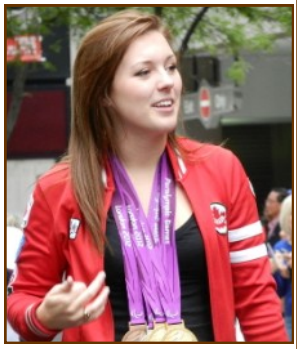
Canada Shines in London Olympics 2012!

Free Wood of the Month of April 2013 reported by **Ross Kingdon**



1	Benoit Huot	Swimming S10-PO
1	Michelle Stilwell	Athletics T52-PO
1	Patrick Anderson	Wheelchair Basketball-PO
1	Robbi Weldon	Cycling Ind. B-PO
1	Rosannagh Maclennan	Trampoline-O
2	Summer Ashley Mortimer	Swimming SM10-PO
1	Valerie Grand-Maison	Swimming S13-PO
8	GOLD MEDALS	

This month's woods were donated by Judy Blackman. Canada Wide Woods made 250 of which 100 came to CAWMC, 135 went in the ONA 2013 Convention kits, and 15 went to Judy. The number is 5924-121, ink is black on both sides, 3-1/2" x 2" wafers. The front didn't scan well as the Olympic rings and London are not showing up too clearly on the obverse. The reverse the 8 Gold Medals won by Canada (Olympic and Paralympic), the recipient name and the event won. Judy likes to create woods tied to historic events, this is her second Olympic wood, and she's also did a Commonwealth Games one a few years back.



Summer Ashley Mortimer pictured in the 2012 Olympic Heroes Parade is a Canadian swimmer who won four medals (two gold, one silver, and one bronze) at her first Paralympic Games, 2012 in London.

Next is Rosannagh "Rosie" MacLennan who is the current reigning Olympic champion in the individual trampoline event as well as the reigning Pam American Games champion in the individual.

Patrick Anderson

(wheel-chair basketball)

Uncle Tom's Tavern Woods (Chitina, Alaska)! from CAWMC member **David 'Rusty' Phillips**

During our 'drive about' trip of the southeast quadrant of the main body of Alaska, in late May — early June, 2012, my wife and I visited the small town of Chitina, in the southeast corner of the quadrant. It was rumoured there was a wooden nickel eminating from Uncle Tom's Tavern, situated in Chitina. We arrived in Chitina around noon and found to our dismay that Uncle Tom's Tavern did not open until 3 p.m. that day! We talked with a fellow in the hotel across the road from Uncle Tom's Tavern, and whined about not being able to stay around until 3 p.m. (due to reservations pending up the road), and the fellow, feeling sorry for us, offered to sell us an Uncle Tom's wood that he had.

We, thankfully 'made the deal' and thus acquired an Uncle Tom's wood (see right). When we returned home after our vacation, I wrote Uncle Tom's asking if there were any other Uncle Tom's woods, and, if so, would they be available? To my delight, I received a very positive reply from Beth Kelley (co-proprietor with Tom Wesner of Uncle Tom's Tavern) saying "yes, there were two other round tokens and one homemade token, and yes, they would send samples of each to me". This they promptly did! Some further communications revealed that a new home-made wood had been created (and a great sample soon appeared at my address)!

Along with this latest wood came all the info on the many woods:

- 250 of each of the 3 — 1-1/2" / 38mm woods were ordered and received in 2003;
- The beer stein wood is redeemable for a can of beer;
- The beer bottle wood is redeemable for either a bottle of beer, or, a well mixed drink;
- The wine glass is redeemable for a premium mixed drink;
- Since 2003, approximately 1/2 of each denomination has 'disappeared', e.g. souvenirs, lost, forgotten to bring back...;
- Summer 2011, a friend made up a 'homemade joke wood', which went over so well, that 40 were eventually made (the tourists loved them and took them home as souvenirs);
- Summer 2012, 25 'new and improved (coloured)' homemade woods were made and offered (there were still 5 left at the end of the season); and
- Will there be more 'homemade' issues in 2013, 2014??? We will just have to wait and see?!?!?!

My sincere Thanks to both Beth Kelley (and Tom Wesner) of Uncle Tom's Tavern for her (their) cooperation and willingness to help me in my quest to record the background to the Uncle Tom's Tavern woods, and to help me complete my collection and catalogue of Alaskan wooden nickels / tokens.

Editor's Note: Uncle Tom's Tavern Inc. pictured below is in Chitina (owned by Thomas E. Wesner) (who is also an FAA Registered Aircraft Dealer), Alaska right outside Wrangell St. Elias National Park. There are 5 other pubs in Chitina (Tom's competitors). Uncle Tom's Tavern is at MI 33.5 Edgerton Hwy, Chitina, AK in Chitina, Alaska. They can be contacted via phone at (907) 823-2253. Uncle Tom's Tavern incorporated May 26, 2000, mailing address is P.O. Box 23, Chitina, AK 99566 USA. Uncle Tom's carries a large assortment of beer and liquor as well as assorted food items. Open 3-10 p.m. Sunday—Thursday, and 3 p.m. to Midnight Friday and Saturday.

Editor's Note: This is a recent blogger (Jessica) in the on-line news due to a racist comment made by Sarah Palin (directed at Obama). Since we have the article about Uncle Tom's Tavern, it gives it another twist. This doesn't mean it reflects on Thomas E. Wesner the owner of Uncle Tom's Tavern. CAWMC is neither agreeing or disagreeing with this blog. Readers should use their own judgment in forming any opinions:

I snapped this picture just down the road from "Uncle Tom's Tavern" in Chitina, Alaska. No, I'm not kidding – the local bar was really named *Uncle Tom's Tavern*. Cute, huh? Some how this photo seemed a fitting beginning to Alaskan Exposure - the Chevy 4×4, the ATV, the confederate flag, the trailer. It pretty much looks like your average Alaskan's home sweet home.

I'm starting this blog to teach the American voters the truth about Alaska. Because you see, things are pretty creepy up here in the arctic, and it sure as hell isn't like anywhere else I've lived in the lower 48 (that's what Alaskans call the rest of the country). I'm sure you have lots of bucolic images in your head of Alaska from watching *Northern Exposure*, or *Men in Trees*. But after living in Alaska, I have to say it actually reminds me most of *The Accused* – you know, that 90's movie where Jodie Foster gets gang raped on a pool table.

Huh? Aren't there moose strolling down Main street, and quirky Eskimos, and smiling huskies, and lots of good, old fashioned small town folk? Well, yeah, there are. But what they don't show you on TV is that the moose on Main street gets shot and his head is hung up on a wall. That, and a whole lot more. I'm going to try and post at least once a day until the election. Please stay tuned, and do your best to learn what it *really* means to put a lifetime Alaskan in the White House. I'm not going to talk much directly about Sarah Palin on this blog because I write about her on my website. But it must be mentioned that hard as it is to imagine, Sarah Palin is actually worse than George W. Bush.

-Jessica

PS : To learn more about Alaskan wildlife and Sarah Palin visit my website at: http://www.grizzlybay.org/SarahPalinInfoPage.htm. You can email me at savegrizzlies@yahoo.com

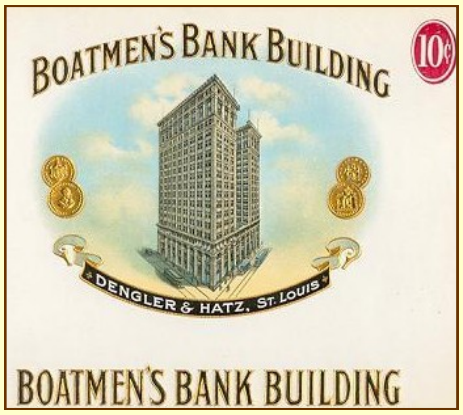
This picture was taken out front of Uncle Tom's Tavern and is from the tavern website at www.uncletomstavern.com.

Sarah Palin posing with what was once a beautiful wild grizzly bear

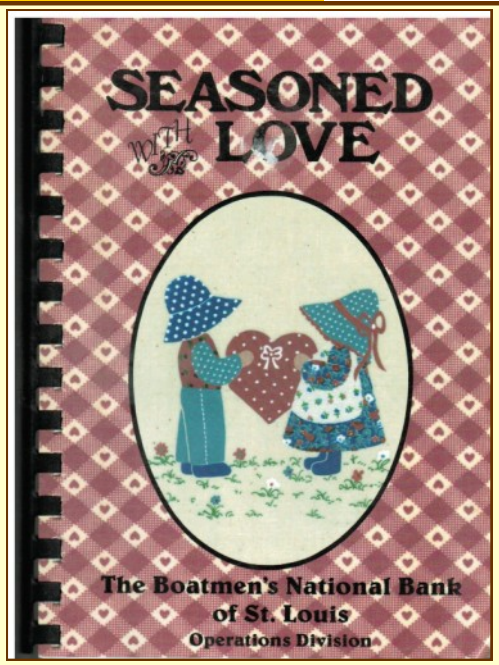
Boatmen's National Bank of St. Louis

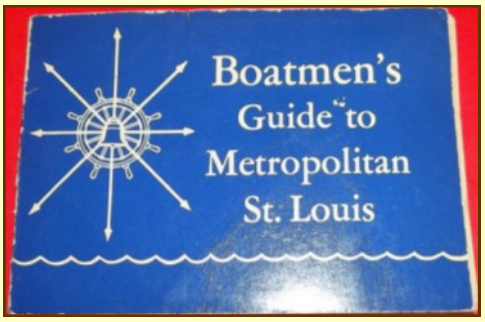
Boatmen's Bancshares Inc. was one of the 30 largest bank holding companies in the United States when it was acquired by NationsBank in 1996. Until its acquisition, Boatmen's traded on NASDAQ with the ticker BOAT. The company, founded in St. Louis, Missouri in 1847, claimed to be the oldest bank west of the Mississippi River at the time of its acquisition. The bank was founded by George Knight Budd whose family had a fortune on the East Coast. He was to serve as St. Louis councilman and arranged for the purchase of the land that now forms the municipal building complex including the St. Louis City Hall. According to company legend, Budd started Boatmen's Savings Institution to help the working class; many of whom worked on riverboats on the Mississippi. The bank received its state charter on February 16, 1847 and offered 3% interest on deposits and invested the first $1,000 in a city bond that paid 6%. Its early history was marked by deadly city-wide disasters in 1849 of a cholera outbreak that killed more than 1,000 and the Great St. Louis Fire of 1849 of May 17-18 that destroyed 23 steamers and at least 430 buildings. Compounding the bank's problems was the April 5, 1854, robbery in which the bank's secretary Joseph Thornton was implicated because the vault had been opened at night with a bank key. Testifying against him was Joseph Charless, president of the Bank of Missouri, who had received for deposit water and mud-soaked notes from Thornton. Thornton was acquitted but was to shoot and kill Charless on the street afterwards. Thornton was then lynched. According to company legend, a run on the bank in 1855 was halted when a madame from a bordello deposited $4,500 in gold. It became Boatmen's Saving Bank in 1873, Boatmen's Bank in 1890, and Boatmen's National Bank of St. Louis in 1926 when it became a national bank. It remained a local bank until 1969 with the formation of Boatmen's Bancshares and began an acquisition of banks throughout the region including CharterCorp of Kansas City, Missouri and General Bancshares. In the 1980s, it became the largest bank in Missouri with the acquisition of Centerre Bancorporation. In 1981, it moved its headquarters to the 31-story Boatmen's Bank Building in Downtown St. Louis. William H. T. Bush, younger brother of President George H. W. Bush, was president of teh bank from 1978 o 1986. In early 1992, Boatmen's Bancshares acquired First Interstate of Iowa Inc. (NASDAQ: FIIA). In 1995 it had $33.4 billion in assets and 17,863 employees. That year, it acquired Fourth Financial Corporation and Worthen Banking Corp. The latter being a publicly traded company listed on the American Stock Exchange. In 1996, it was purchased by NationsBank for $9.6 billion. NationsBank, in turn, became Bank of America.

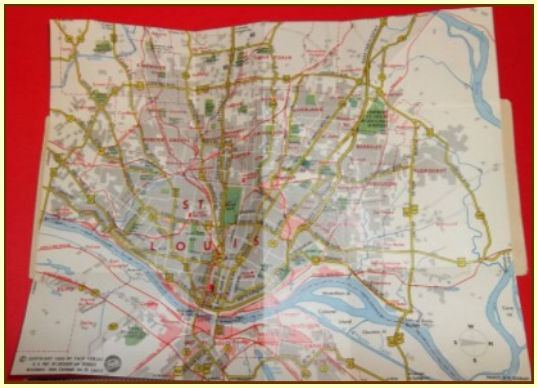
This is a Boatmen's 2" diameter wooden dollar with a silver finish and black ink printing. These were made for the Missouri Coin Festival, likely 1,000 or less. The Missouri Numismatic Society (founded in 1938) is holding its 53rd Annual Convention, Show and Coin Festival July 25-27th, 2013 at St. Charles Convention Center (One Convention Center Plaza). This is Boatment's Bank Building 10¢ - Inner Cigar Label - antique lithograph— St. Louis.

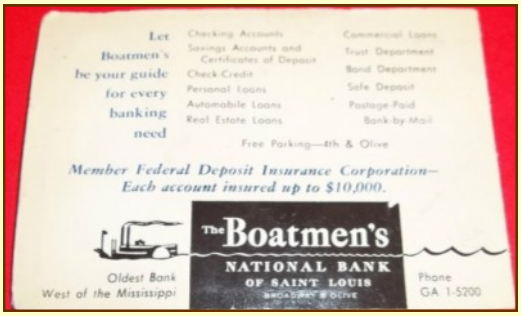


This is a Community Spiral Bound Cookbook "Seasoned with Love" 1992, compiled by Boatmen's National Bank (Operations Division) Staff and Friends (St. Louis, Missouri). The contributors of the recipes inside are named. There is 126 pages of recipes plus index and kitchen hints. There was also a 'Semi-Centennial Souvenir of the Boatmen's Bank, St. Louis, Mo: 1847, October 18th, 1897, 79 page book published.









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- Diversity: The members of the order reflect the social, cultural, educational, ethnic, and religious diversity of the community around them. The order values each other's strengths and opinions.
- Charity: As an organization, the order raises funds for aid to its members in need, in addition to cancer research, the order offers scholarships to students, and many more projects. Visit their Grand Chapter website or individual chapter sites to learn about current projects.

Vision Statement: The Order of the Eastern Star is a fraternal organization of men and women committed to providing an environment of friendship and fellowship, regardless of age, by implementing innovative ideas, facilitating positive change and planning for the future, while working cohesively with its Masonic Family.

Membership: The order has certain membership requirements. Women who are related to a Master Mason in specific ways are eligible, be a Majority member of Job's Daughters International. Men must be Master Masons in good standing to be eligible. The candidate must have a belief in a Supreme Being, be at least 18 years old and a resident of British Columbia or Yukon for the Prince George chapter. If you would like to join and feel you qualify contact the order at bcgrandsecretary@telus.net and they will be happy to help you with the next steps.

These are a ring, lapel pin, button covers, and other woods.

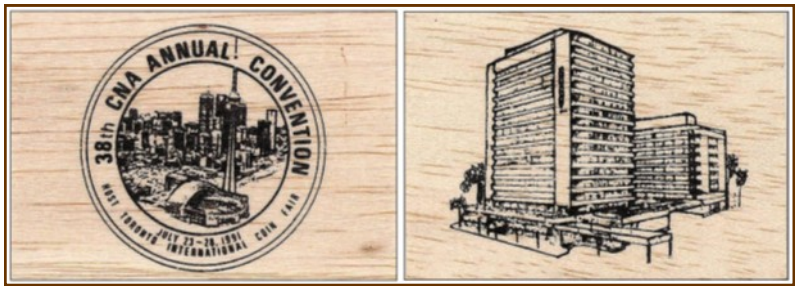
The 1991 CNA Convention Promotional Woods by John Regitko, CAWMC Life Member

I made a proposal to the executive of the Canadian Numismatic Association in 1988 or 1989 to have the Toronto International Coin Fair (TICF) host the 1991 CNA Convention in Toronto. This was done for a number of reasons. For one, the CNA did not have an offer from any local coin club to host the convention that year. As well, not only was it my plan to sell TICF, at the time Canada's largest coin show, but to retire from numismatics after more than 30 years of collecting and volunteering at all levels of the hobby. By having the privately-owned and operated coin show host the annual convention of the national body would be my swan song and allow me to go out with a bang.

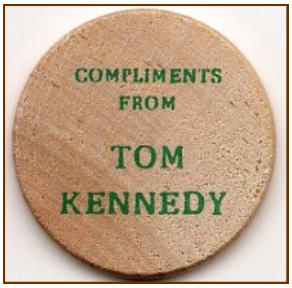
Although the CNA had never turned over the rights, other than the auction, to a commercial venture, the CNA executive knew that I was running TICF as a hobby with emphasis on assuring the collector would be pampered. Al Bliman negotiated on behalf of the CNA, while I, as owner of TICF, negotiated on the host's behalf. We came to the agreement that TICF would pay $6,000 for the rights to host the CNA Convention. According to the DollarTimes.com website, the value of a dollar in 1991 is worth $1.69 today, therefore, my guarantee amounted to the equivalent of over $10,000 in today's dollars.

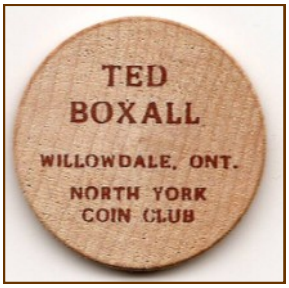
I issued a number of wooden tokens for passing out at the Convention in the registration kits or at the banquet, attesting to my intentions. This included a General Chairman wood, a wood showing the convention location and a "thank you" wood. The RCNA has frowned on convention committees using the official convention medal design on any promotional woods or any wooden nickels made up by members of the RCNA or CAWMC. Instead, a secondary design was created for non-official souvenirs, either by the convention committee or by the wooden nickel creator such as Norm Belsten Wooden Nickels or Canada Wide Woods. However, that policy seems to have been overlooked in the past few years.

Another promotional wood contained the same design as found on the official convention medal that was designed by the Royal Canadian Mint on the front, and a line drawing of the Westbury Hotel on the back, was issued on a size 4" x 2-1/2" balsa wood in a quantity 100.



In 1991, at least a dozen attendees issued woods with the official CNA logo. Most of them donated a sufficient quantity to include in the registration kits, while all of them passed them out at the CAWMC breakfast meeting. Without checking Norm Belsten's catalogue, I believe that more new wood issues were distributed at the 1991 CNA Convention than at any other Canadian numismatic event, a few of which are illustrated here.





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This is cool—Wood Chips! shared by **Bill Cousins**

This man takes wood chips, soaks them in water for many days. He uses a tree from Russia (Red Cedar). Then he starts building his pieces which take him about 6-9 months (10 hours a day) to finish it. He was offered a lot of money for one piece but wouldn't sell any. Enjoy the pictures. This is a coil of Red Cedar bark. Who is this artist?

Sergey Bobkov, 54 (Russian artist) and his son Artyom installed a sculpture of two life-sized martens made from cutting chips of Siberian cedar at an exhibition of his works in a local school of Kozhany. Bobkov, who received a patent on manufacturing art sculptures made of cutting chips, spent eight months creating the two martens, using about 150 thousand pieces of Siberian cedar. In total he has made 15 life-size wooden sculptures of Siberian birds and animals.

Member Found - Just Moved AGAIN!

by **Norm Belsten**

Last issue we reported **Richard Boyles'** new address in Suncity but this has actually changed again, and below is now the current address (also in Suncity). Sorry for any confusion.

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